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Press Release

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Firefighters respond to Condition 3 fire at 10828 Sapphire St.

El Paso, Texas – At approximately 4:44 a.m. on Sunday Feb. 1, the El Paso Fire Department was dispatched to a condition 3 fire at 10828 Sapphire St. when the neighbors saw fire and called 911. Upon arriving on the scene at 4:52 a.m., crews found heavy smoke and fire coming from the roof of the house. After a primary search, crews determined there were no occupants in the house. Fire personnel were able to rescue a dog from inside the home.

Firefighters were able to bring the fire under control at 5:33 a.m. and contain it to the residence of origin. Despite the full engulfing flames, fire personnel were able to protect the neighboring houses to the left and right. 100% of the home suffered damage, estimated at \$120,000. The cause of the fire is still under investigation.

There were no injuries to residents or fire personnel. A total of 9 units and 24 personnel from the El Paso Fire Department responded to this incident. El Paso Police, Texas Gas Service, El Paso Electric, City of El Paso Planning & Inspections and the American Red Cross assisted in the incident.

The El Paso Fire Department would like to remind the public about their FREE Smoke Detector Program. In less than 30 seconds, a small flame can get completely out of control and begin filling a home with thick, black, poisonous smoke. In just a few minutes, a home can become completely engulfed with flames. With the advance notice of a working smoke alarm, residents can escape with their lives.

Residents who do not have a smoke detector who live within the city limits of El Paso, own their home and are willing to let the El Paso Fire Department make the installation, can request a FREE smoke detector by calling 485-5699.

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